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THE NEWPORT MERCURY was established in June, 1783, and is now in its one hundred and twenty-sixth year. It is the oldest newspaper in the Union, and with less than half a million population in the English language. It is a large quarterly, containing columns filled with interesting reading—editorial, State, local and general news, well-selected miscellany and valuable farmers' and household departments. Reaching a number of thousands in the other States, it has given space given to advertising is very valuable to business men.

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Local Matters.

A YOUNG MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Was it an Accident or Was it Intentional?

The usual Sabbath quiet of Newport was considerably disturbed last Sunday afternoon by the report that Mr. William C. Swinburne, the adopted son of ex-Mayor W. J. Swinburne, had shot himself, and the conflicting rumors regarding the affair have succeeded in furnishing a subject for conversation in the community ever since.

It seems that shortly after one o'clock Sunday afternoon young Swinburne, who is only about eighteen years of age, went into James H. Taylor's drug store and asked Mr. Taylor to call a messenger for him, and then went across the street to his father's office. When the messenger came he was sent over to the office, where he was admitted by Swinburne and given a note to take to a young lady living down town. A short time after the messenger had started on his errand the report of a pistol attracted attention to the office. On entering the room young Swinburne was found lying on the floor and a revolver beside him. Dr. Sears, who chanced to be passing by, was called, and the young man was immediately removed to his home. He soon revived, and in answer to questions as to how it happened, said that he was fixing his pistol when it was accidentally discharged. The wound was but a slight one, the ball passing through the fleshly part of his left cheek, and he was soon able to be about the house, and the following evening was on the street.

Strange stories were soon afloat, many claiming that the shooting was intentional and that the note which was given the messenger contained the startling information that "When you get this I shall be dead," or words to that effect, and that the whole affair was the result of a love quarrel at the skating rink last Saturday evening, while many thought it was done merely for a sexual assault. But the young man and his friends denounce these rumors as false, and say that it was purely accidental; that the revolver was one which he kept for the purpose of shooting gulls; that it did not work just right, and that he was trying to fix it, not knowing it was loaded.

A Mean Man.

George Holt, formerly a private at Fort Adams and subsequently, for a short time, a special on the police force in this city and later a carpenter in the employ of Wm. H. Cranston, left his young wife about 8 o'clock Thursday morning, saying that he was going over to the Fort and that she need not expect him to dinner, and she has not seen him since. Nothing was thought of his absence until night, when, he not having returned, her father, with whom they had been staying for a few days, went to their houses on Broadway. It was found that he had been here and taken what things he could carry in two valises and gone, leaving a note for his wife which read: "Don't look for me, you will never see me again. I have deserted you." Subsequently visiting the bank where it was known he had some money, it was found that he had drawn it out somethings before, thus showing that he had contemplated this desertion for some time, though nothing unusual in his conduct had been noticed.

Holt is about thirty-five years of age and haled from New York state. He has always borne an excellent reputation here; but little is known of him before he made Newport his home. He was a member of the Thames street M. E. church.

His wife is an estimable young lady and daughter of excellent parents. She is only twenty-three years of age and became his wife only last September.

Mr. Wendt's Vacation.

Rev. Chas. W. Wendt has been kindly granted an extension of his annual vacation by the trustees of the Channing Memorial Church, and expects to have town on the 17th of March on a two months trip to the Pacific coast, where Mr. Wendt resided for a number of years. He will preach in Danvers on the 22d, and thence travel by the Southern Pacific R. R., to Los Angeles, visiting also San Diego, Santa Barbara, and other points in the interests of the American Unitarian Association. After a stay with relatives and friends in San Francisco Mr. Wendt returns by way of Portland, Oregon, and the North Pacific Rail Road, arriving home by the middle of May, in time for his summer work.

The Unitarian pulpit will be filled during his absence by Revs. Grindall Reynolds, General Unitarian Secretary, Henry G. Spalding, Secretary of the Unitarian Sunday School Society, S. J. Barrows, editor of the Christian Register, M. K. Schermerhorn, J. C. Kimball and others.

Entertainment for the G. A. R.

The celebrated Hungarian Gypsy Band will give a concert in the Charles House next Friday evening in aid of Charles E. Lawton Post, G. A. R. This band is made up of variable gypsies, and were brought to Boston in September expressly to play at the Foreign Exhibition. Their music is said to be marvellously entertaining. It is hoped that they will have a crowded house.

POLO ON THE ROLLERS.

The Newport's 83 Score a Second Game in the League Tournament.

The second of the nine league games to be played here occurred at the Olympian Club Rink Thursday evening, the visiting team being the "Brooktons" of Brockton, Mass. The game was at 9:35, and in one minute the first goal was taken for the '83s by Buffum, who sent the ball with a force that quite surprised the visitors, three of them actually dodging it and allowing it to pass between the stakes without opposition. This brought down the house, and the cheering was continued until the whistle sounded for beginning the next game. The second goal was won by Bliss in four and a half minutes, thus making two straight games for the '83s in less than six minutes. A third goal was also won by Bliss, but a foul having been called the goal was not allowed. Thus far the Brooktons had done but little either for themselves or against their opponents, but this decision of the referee in sustaining the foul seemed to give them more courage, and they re-entered the contest with a determination to profit by this last chance of winning. Their improved play seemed to sustain the '83s, who had won their goals so easily, and in seven minutes and a half two goals had been won by the Brooktons, in five and a half and two minutes respectively. This made the two teams equal, each having won two goals, and the shouting and cheering of the audience showed that the excitement was at its height. The fifth and final game was called with every player alert for an opportunity. The ball was driven to the '83s goal by the visitors, where it was promptly stopped by Burdick, but before he could drive it from its dangerous position, the members of both teams were piled on to it, poking and pushing, one side to get it away and the other to shove it through. This exciting struggle lasted fully a minute and a half, when the '83s were successful in getting the ball out on to the floor, where, after many sharp strokes and excellent stops, it was finally sent through the Brookton's goal by Buffum. This game occupied thirteen and a half minutes, and its decision was received with unanimous applause by all, the visiting team giving three cheers and a tiger for the Newport's '83.

The Newport's 83 lost three straight goals at Marlboro' Wednesday evening in a contest with the Fairmounts, but as the referee was not of the league and showed himself unfit to umpire a game, they have entered a protest against the decision. It is probable

the game will be thrown out. The treatment of the Newport boys during the contest was anything but courteous.

A Serious Runaway.

About eight o'clock last Saturday evening a pair of horses attached to a hack belonging to Mr. W. A. Barker, started from Wickford boat landing on Commercial wharf, where they had been left standing for a moment by the driver, Mr. Geo. Webb. They ran up Franklin street and down Spring to Bellevue avenue, up the avenue and down Touro street and the Parade to the corner in front of Mr. S. T. Hubbard's restaurant, one of the horses fell. The carriage stood to the sidewalk, crowding Mr. Lysander Stevens, who was standing on the curbstones, against the building, breaking a small bone in his jaw and bruising him badly about the corner. He was also severely cut about the head, face, and one of his arms, probably by coming against the window, the whole lower part of which was broken out. He was removed to his home, where he has since been attended by Drs. Turner and Barker. The injuries are not considered dangerous. Neither of the horses was injured and the carriage was but slightly damaged.

Appointments.

Col. McMahon, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for Rhode Island, has made the following appointments as members of his personal staff:

HENRY D. Scott, Chief of Staff, Post 5. W. J. Bradford, Post 1. John Winsor, Post 5. E. Henry Jenks, " 1. Geo. W. Turner, " 10. E. E. Hurlow, " 1. John W. Brady, " 12. A. S. Williams, " 1. Am. Loomis, " 13. Robert F. Sutton, " 1. John H. Rhodes, " 11. Charles Cornall, " 1. W. W. Northup, " 14. James E. Barker, " 1. D. B. Remond, " 12. Charles Durr, " 3. Thos. Andrews, " 12. Gerrit D. Stetson, " 1. John T. Alder, " 12. George W. Brown, " 1. John W. Nichols, " 12. Marcus A. Ward, " 1. W. H. Tracy, " 17. John W. Nichols, " 1. T. G. Sullivan, " 1. W. H. Smith, " 1. James Pearson, " 1. John A. Bowan, " 17. Henry Cooper, " 1. D. Sundland, " 15. Albert H. Green, " 1. John H. Tanner, " 18.

Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Thamestide Sunday-school Monday evening, the following officers were elected:

Superintendent—John B. Mason, Assistant Superintendent—Charles Marlin.

Secretary—Edwin S. Alger, Treasurer—Thomas Bowler, Librarian—Charles H. Bentin.

Assistant Librarian—Miss Susie W. Swinburne and Maurice Atwood.

A telegram received in this city on Thursday, announced the death that morning, in Brooklyn, of Stephen Cahoon, a native, and a yearly visitor to this city. He was in the 80th year of his age. He leaves a brother and sister in this city to mourn his loss.

Irreproachable loss. Mr. Cahoon, was a man of irreproachable character, of the strictest integrity, and during his long business career in New York, as a cotton broker, no one ever said against him. His remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery by the side of those of his wife. He was the son of the late Stephen Cahoon, for many years the General Treasurer of Rhode Island, also the cashier of the Newport Bank, where it was a seat of much of his activity.

The supreme court in Providence, Thursday, rendered a decision in the case of Anna Pell vs. Ann Jane Mercer. This is a bill by the complainant, as executrix of the last will and testament of the late Alexander G. Mercer, of this city, for instruction in regard to the execution of the will. The court substantially sustains the will throughout, and gives full directions for the execution of it.

Our readers to our new advertisements will perceive that the Rev. Mr. Larry is to speak next Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows Hall upon the subject of Temperance. This gentleman spoke recently in this city to the great gratification of his audience. The admission is free and all are invited.

BUILDING ON THAMES STREET.

Two New Blocks to be Erected and a New Front and Other Improvements for an Old One.

Some five or six years ago the disposition to modernize began to develop itself among the various merchants on Thames street and since that time numerous changes, alterations and improvements have been made to business places on both sides of the street. New fronts with plate-glass windows have been added to old buildings and several new buildings have been erected. This desire to improve the business facilities of Thames street is still manifest and no less than three large new blocks will be occupied this year for the first time.

The building 158 and 160 Thames street was owned by Mr. Andrew Bryant and occupied by him for the past twenty years for a restaurant, is to be set back about one hundred feet from the street and a new three-story building, 42 feet front by 75 feet deep, erected in its place. The main entrance to this block will be in the centre, the hallway running the entire depth of the building in the two first stories with stairways in the centre. On each side of this entrance on the lower floor will be a store 17x75 feet, with large plate-glass show windows in front. The second story will be fitted up with two large rooms in front and smaller ones in the rear, suitable for offices. The upper story will be in one large hall, the full size of the building. The elevations of the three stories will be thirteen, ten and fourteen feet, respectively. The work of removing the old building will be begun next week and the new building is to be ready for occupancy about the first of June. The cost of the block will be about \$10,000. J. D. Johnston is the builder.

Mr. Harwood E. Read has decided to remove the building on the southwest corner of Thames and Marlboro' streets and continue his new business block, a description of which has been given in the *Newport Mercury*, and at considerable length upon the useful life and sweet character of the deceased and of his loss to the church and the community. Mr. Wendt's remarks were brief but effective. He spoke of the audience of his taking away and referred feelingly to the fact that only two Sundays before she had been in her pew among the worshippers, and only a few days previous to her death was in the vestry engaged in her last work of charity. He closed his remarks by reading the following words which he said were translated from the German of Claudius twenty-five years ago by the late Rev. C. T. Brooks, and offered them as a fitting tribute to the deceased from her former pastor:

"She was a peace-maker!"—"That's all my song—With Heaven's benediction in her strength; And with a spirit of quiet, calm and strong, Attaining needs and ease;

"She welcomed Death's embrace.

"What conqueror of the world was e'er so strong?"

"She was a peace-maker!"

"That ends my song."

Excellent music was rendered by a volunteer quartette under the direction of Miss May Stedman, organist. The singers were Mrs. Annie Vinton (nee Pierce), Miss Rollwagen, Mr. J. J. Blakeley and Mr. Joseph Packham.

Meers, John G. Weaver, Sr., W. K. Covell, Sr., Amon Parmenter, Thomas Coggeshall, II, C. Stevens, Jr., W. K. Covell, Jr., C. A. Brackett and John B. Durfee, were the bearers.

The friends and relatives of the family living in Providence, came down in the morning by special boat, which returned after the funeral.

Church Fair.

The Church Improvement Society, connected with the Second Baptist church, will hold a fair on Thursday and Friday evenings, in Old Fellow's Hall, as will be seen by a notice in our advertising columns. Among the attractions will be a German market; music by the Newport Orchestra; readings by Miss Charlotte M. Wayland; an oyster supper Thursday evening; a turkey dinner and turkey supper on Friday. The proceeds are to be devoted to the improvement of the interior of the church edifice. Among the articles on exhibition will be a celebrated Sedan chair, brought to this country from Europe nearly two hundred years ago, and in which many persons of Revolutionary fame rode through the streets of Newport. It is said to be the only one in existence in this country.

LIGHT INFANTRY INSPECTION.

The annual inspection of the Newport Light Infantry, Capt. Philip F. Schneidler, occurred at the company's armory on Friday evening of last week, the State officers being Adjutant General Dyer and Adjutant General White. The State property was found in excellent condition, and the men went through their various movements in a very satisfactory manner.

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Insurance Companies.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

SUMMARY OF THE STANDING

ON DECEMBER 31, 1883.

—OF THE—

FIRE AND FIRE-MARINE**INSURANCE COMPANIES,**

Authorized to do Business in Rhode Island,

INCLUDING BUSINESS IN THE STATE IN 1883.

BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, IN ADVANCE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, ETC.
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Providence, February 18th, 1884.

The following tables, made from statements to the Insurance Department, give the condition on the 31st day of December, 1883, of the Stock and Mutual Insurance Companies doing business in this state at that time. Also the fire business done in Rhode Island during 1883 by the Stock and Mutual Companies of this and other states and countries. Statistics given in the following tables contained:

STATE STOCK COMPANIES.

Name	Cash Capital.	Gross Assets.	Liabilities, including unearned premiums.	Surplus.	Risks Written.	Premiums.	Losses Received.	Premiums Received.	Losses Incurred.	Losses Paid.
Rhode Island Companies.	\$1,100,000.00	\$2,128,155.02	\$1,000,000.00	\$128,045.81	\$2,029,025.77	\$1,000,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Companies of other states.	34,407,300.00	112,173,537.00	31,066,473.81	10,821,431.80	110,821,431.80	34,407,300.00	17,065,332.93	17,065,332.93	17,065,332.93	17,065,332.93
Foreign Companies.	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Aggregate.	37,443,731.00	132,173,528.02	31,366,473.81	10,821,431.80	110,821,431.80	34,437,332.93	17,065,332.93	17,065,332.93	17,065,332.93	17,065,332.93

MUTUAL COMPANIES.

Name	Cash Assets.	Assessable Premiums.	Liabilities, including unearned premiums.	Surplus.	Risks Written.	Premiums.	Losses Received.	Premiums Received.	Losses Incurred.	Losses Paid.
Rhode Island Companies.	1,902,010.77	1,902,010.77	1,902,010.77	0.00	1,902,010.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Companies of other states.	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Aggregate.	1,907,010.77	1,907,010.77	1,907,010.77	0.00	1,907,010.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

SAMUEL R. CROSS, Insurance Commissioner.

RHODE ISLAND JOINT STOCK INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Name	Cash Capital.	Gross Assets.	Liabilities as reported Policy and Surplus.	Surplus as regards Policy and Surplus.	Risks Written.	Premiums.	Losses Received.	Premiums Received.	Losses Incurred.	Losses Paid.
Atlantic.	\$200,000.00	\$202,800.78	\$192,000.00	\$10,800.78	\$202,800.78	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Equitable.	300,000.00	500,041.74	400,000.00	100,041.74	500,041.74	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Merchants.	200,000.00	200,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	200,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Providence Washington.	400,000.00	1,004,074.00	400,000.00	604,074.00	1,004,074.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00

COMPANIES OF OTHER STATES.

NAME	CASH CAPITAL.	GROSS ASSETS.	LIABILITIES AS REPORTED POLICY AND SURPLUS.	SURPLUS AS REGARDS POLICY AND SURPLUS.	RISKS WRITTEN.	PREMIUMS.	LOSSES RECEIVED.	PREMIUMS RECEIVED.	LOSSES INCURRED.	LOSSES PAID.
CALIFORNIA.	\$150,000.00	\$147,025.76	\$52,873.00	\$52,873.00	\$147,025.76	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

CONNECTICUT.

Name	Cash Capital.	Gross Assets.	Liabilities as reported Policy and Surplus.	Surplus as regards Policy and Surplus.	Risks Written.	Premiums.	Losses Received.	Premiums Received.	Losses Incurred.	Losses Paid.
Ella.	\$4,000,000.00	\$19,023,043.00	\$1,837,728.20	\$1,837,728.20	\$19,023,043.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Connecticut.	1,000,000.00	4,120,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,120,000.00	4,120,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hartford.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Middlebury.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
National.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Orient.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Phoenix.	2,000,000.00	4,411,934.41	1,313,000.00	3,100,934.41	4,411,934.41	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Security.	2,000,000.00	3,98,582.47	1,207,000.00	2,781,582.47	3,98,582.47	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

ILLINOIS.

Name	Cash Capital.	Gross Assets.	Liabilities as reported Policy and Surplus.	Surplus as regards Policy and Surplus.	Risks Written.	Premiums.	Losses Received.	Premiums Received.	Losses Incurred.	Losses Paid.
Aggregate.	\$500,000.00	\$1,165,378.10	\$303,663.72	\$801,814.38	\$1,165,378.10	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Name	Cash Capital.	Gross Assets.	Liabilities as reported Policy and Surplus.	Surplus as regards Policy and Surplus.	Risks Written.	Premiums.	Losses Received.	Premiums Received.	Losses Incurred.	Losses Paid.
Boston.	\$25,200.00	\$24,418.60	\$10,024.78	\$10,024.78	\$24,418.60	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fireman's Fund.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
First National.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Firemen's Fund.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
First National.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Firemen's Fund.	1,000,000.00</td									

The Newport Mercury.

John P. Samson, Editor and Proprietor.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1884.

The wreck of the City of Columbus has entirely disappeared. Much of the cargo has washed ashore.

Senator Fair of Nevada is said to be willing to contribute half a million dollars to a Bayard campaign.

It is claimed that there are at least fifty-five Democrats in the House of Representatives who will vote against Morrison's tariff bill. That being the case its fate is sealed.

The Ways and Means committee of the National House of Representatives has agreed to report favorably on Morrison's tariff bill. That being the 7 to 6, strictly a party vote.

The Republicans of Maine have made a clean sweep at their city elections. Nearly every city in the State elected Republican mayor. Maine is good for an old fashioned Republican majority next fall.

The Democratic party is in agony over the possible accession of ex-Speaker Randall provided the tariff bill of Morrison is passed. The tariff plank is a troublesome piece of machinery, for the Democracy.

We are told on good authority that the Hon. Geo. H. Curtis has given a partial consent to run on the Independent ticket for Governor this spring and that he will be nominated at the Independent Republican convention on the 18th instant.

The Independent Republican Convention has been called to meet in Providence on March 18th, the Democratic Convention on the 19th and the Republican Convention on the 20th. That will evidently be a week of conventions.

Congressman John S. Wise of Va., having fought thirteen duels, declines to decline the challenge sent him by Page McCarty, also an adept in the duelling line, he having killed his man several times. Probably each of the aforesaid so called gentlemen would rather contend with persons of a little less experience in the business.

Gen. Olney Arnold the Democratic Senator from Pawtucket, publishes a card in the Chronicle declining to be again a candidate for the General Assembly. He will be missed in the Senate for he is one of the most useful men in that body. General Arnold is a man whose politics does him no harm. He votes and acts for what he believes to be the best measures, regardless of party.

General Hazen, the chief of the weather bureau is a very kind hearted man. Early Thursday morning he frightened all New England by telling them of the enormous snow storm that was coming. However, in the afternoon of the same day he changed his mind and immediately telegraphed: "Snow storm has passed further south than anticipated yesterday. Clearing weather for New England." Now the kindness that will send a snow storm on those wicked people "down south" and let the righteous New Englanders escape ought to be appreciated. We move a vote of thanks for "Old Prob."

The local Inspectors have made a report in regard to the responsibility of the wreck of the City of Columbus. The entire blame is laid on the Captain, who it is claimed should have been on deck all of the time looking out for the safety of his passengers and crew. The inspectors have withdrawn the license of Capt. Wright as master and pilot. The same inspectors acquit the Captain of the Glaciers who passed by the wreck at eight o'clock in the morning and declined to go to the assistance of the shipwrecked people because he failed to discover any one in the rigging. While the public may readily acquiesce in the verdict in regard to Captain Wright, the conclusion reached in regard to Captain Bearse will not be as readily accepted to. Most people believe that the Glaciers should have turned a little from her course if need be to see whether there were any lives upon the wreck to be saved.

The result of the special election in Kansas to fill the vacancy in the National House of Representatives caused by the death of Representative Haskell is somewhat surprising. Kansas has always leaned to the Free Trade party, and Representative Haskell was a very popular man as well as freetrader. He was elected last year by less than four hundred plurality, the majority against him being over twelve hundred. This year the Greenbackers, free-traders and Democrats combined against the Republican candidate, but the Republican was elected by nearly 5000 majority. Free-trader does not seem to have a very strong hold in that district.

Monday the United States Supreme Court affirmed the validity and constitutionality of the Legal Tender Act of March 31, 1878. The substance of the decision is that the Federal Government possesses the right and power, under the Constitution, to make Treasury notes a legal tender for the payment of debts, in times of peace as well as in a war epoch, and to release such notes at will.

The Republican State convention to nominate Governor and other State officers will be held in Providence Thursday, March 20th. The old ticket will probably be re-nominated without opposition. The conventions to elect delegates to the National Convention will probably be held about the 16th of April. There are reported to be numerous ambitious candidates for position as delegates.

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NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 5.—Lieut. Rhodes, of the United States revenue cutter Dexter, whose heroic conduct in the City of Columbus disaster at Gay Head won him such distinction, has a younger brother whose name is William. William has just brought glory to himself by eloping with the prettiest girl in North Madison, and not only the prettiest girl, but the girl with the whitest face and comely figure. It was never suspected that William, treated like a favored sailor until recently, his brother's bravery made him famous, it made all the family famous, and to the great horror in Gay Head's waters was the mother, more than aught else, the fact that the fair Lottie discovered him in the attentions of William. William has long been the envy of the farmer boys of Madison. It was about one week ago when Miss Little Rodfield was missed one morning from her father's breakfast table, and on the same day Lieut. Rhodes' brother William was missed from the North Madison Grocer's Competitive Romancing Matchmen. On last Sunday Lottie reappeared, and William was with her. They rode together over to Killingworth's little church through the snow-storm. The pretty girl displayed a silk tunic of bridal white, and the young man affected white gloves. It was reported in the church long before the sermon had begun that Lottie had run away with William. When the service was over both fully owned the fact and hosts of friends crowded round them with congratulations and little exclamations of surprise. Samuel Rodfield cast his daughter off. She was married without his consent, against his will. Tears and pleadings were alike to no avail, and when the churchgoers had gathered, and the organist had stopped playing, the priest, the parson, and the people, all present, including the minister, the choir, the organist, and the vestry, all joined in the chorus, "God bless the young couple."

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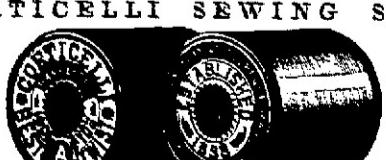
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